GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4064
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2001
AUCTION OF RICE BY PUNJAB GOVERNMENT
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab have sold a large quantity of rice by way of auction in open market;

(b) if so, whether a substantially big share of it has gone to the Vidarbh region of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government are aware that the rice procured from the open auction is being sold back to the Government after getting its polished;

(e) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken by the Union Government in this matter;

(f) whether the stock of rice was sent to Madhya Pradesh; and

(g) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): As per the information received from the Government of Punjab, the State procuring agencies have auctioned 75.39 tonnes of paddy which could not be milled within the stipulated date. The paddy stocks pertained to the crop years 1995-96 to 1999-2000.

(b): No such report has been received by the Governemnt.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): No such report has been received by the Governemnt.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): No such report has been received by the Governemnt.

(g): Does not arise.